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In response to the Office Action dated October 20, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 20, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. While no fees are believed due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 09-0486/ROC920000310US1 for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

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Please amend the claims as follows:

- (Previously Presented) A method for processing client requests at a server computer, comprising:  
receiving an initial portion of a client command from a client computer, wherein the client command comprises database request and the initial portion comprises a subset of a sequence of statements forming the database request;  
predicting what the client command will be when completely received based on the initial portion of the client command, prior to receiving remaining portions of the client command from the client computer, wherein the remaining portions of the client command comprise at least one statement of the database request;  
executing the predicted client command;  
receiving the remaining portions of the client command from the client computer;  
determining whether the complete client command matches the predicted client command; and  
if the complete client command matches the predicted command, sending a result of executing the predicted command to the client computer;  
predicting the client command at the client computer based on the portion of the client command;  
determining, at the client computer, whether the complete client command matches the client's predicted command; and  
if not, sending the complete client command in its entirety along with a flag indicating an unsuccessful prediction from the client computer to the server computer.

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